

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota and many of its citizens have benefited greatly from the efforts of the state's cooperative telecommunications industry; and,

Whereas, George Strandell played a key role in this industry from 1968 to 2008 as an engineering consultant, outside plant engineer, district manager, and general manager of Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. and will retire after 40 years of service; and,

Whereas, George's belief that building infrastructure throughout rural areas using fiber optic networks helps communities not only survive but compete with metropolitan areas for jobs, growth, and advancement; and,

Whereas, George's contributions in organizations on both the state and national level led to legislative and regulatory decisions which always had the best interest of the customer in mind; and,

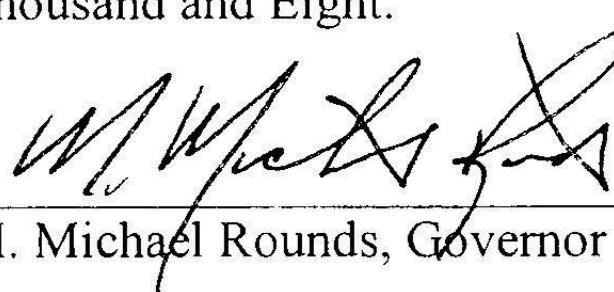
Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the many contributions and accomplishments of this special South Dakotan as his colleagues, family, and friends gather on September 29, 2008, to honor and congratulate him:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2008, as

GEORGE STRANDELL DAY

in South Dakota, and I extend best wishes for good health and happiness in his well deserved retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State